

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 and 22-34 remain pending in the application with the present amendments. Claim 21 is cancelled herein in view of the objection to the drawings as not showing a third charge pump and a second comparator specified in claim 21. As these features appeared only in claim 21, Applicants submit that the present amendment overcomes the objection to the drawings.

Applicants appreciate the early indication of allowability in the Office Action as to claims 1-13. In the Office Action, claims 14 through 34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 ("Section 112") as being indefinite for the manner in which the detector of the common mode level and the generator of the threshold level are recited. Claim 14 is now amended herein to recite a level generator operable to perform the recited operations of detecting a common mode level and generating a threshold level. Similarly, claim 24 is amended to recite a "level generating means" having the specified function, as supported in the Specification *Inter alia* at ¶¶ [0047], [0049] and [0052]. Claims 19, 20, 22 and 30-32 are amended herein in conformity with these amendments. Applicants further submit that the remaining claims which depend from claims 14 and 24 conform with the requirements of Section 112.

Accordingly, in view of the amendments and remarks herein, it is believed that all claims of the application are now in condition for allowance. However, if for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at

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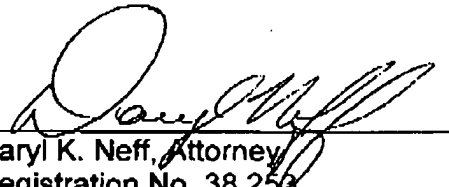
this time, the Examiner is requested to telephone the Applicants' attorney at the number indicated below to discuss any issues that may remain.

It is believed that no fee is due in connection with the filing of this Amendment. However, if any fee is due, authorization is granted to debit the Deposit Account No. 09-0458 of the Assignee. If there is an overpayment, please credit the same account.

Respectfully submitted,

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